

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Upon carrying out printing based on order information, a workload of an operator can be reduced. An order file transferred to a laboratory via a network is input to printing control means and accepted by order reception means. The order file is temporarily stored in temporary storing means and input to judgment means. The judgment means judges whether a print is a target of automatic printing or manual printing based on the order information described in the order file F. In the former case, the order information and image data to be printed are input to a printer and printing is carried out. In the latter case, confirmation means temporarily stores the order file F. An operator regularly confirms the order file of manual printing target and the content of printing by using the confirmation means, and inputs the image data to be printed and the order file to the printer to carry out printing.